

Useful Hints

Woman and Home

Ethical Talks

The Morning Story

GARDENING FOR GLORIA.
By John Darling.

James Randal strolled slowly past the Woodvine Cottage. Certainly the lovely grounds were ready in need of a gardener's care, and just as surely were his fagged nerves in need of the restful tonic that working in that garden would provide.

He had taken the day in the country that he might select a quiet boarding-house in which to spend a month or two, but alas! The quiet boarding-houses were so totally lacking in attractiveness that Randal had decided that of two evils the lesser was the city boarding-house. Even the appalling sight of people in the city house would not be so tiresome as the monotony in the country.

"But I would love to garden that bit of property," he sighed, and would have passed the Woodvine Cottage for the time being, had a sign of a girl at that psychological moment happened to come out of the vine-covered porch. Her hair was braided in a long sunny plait and her smile traversed the distance between Randal and the porch.

He retraced his footsteps and went up the path toward the girl. His walk was impulsive, as were his intentions. The girl gazed questioningly at him, though with a gleam of interest in her eyes; eyes that were far-seeing, as if they expressed the beauty of a great mind.

"Is there a chance in the world that you require a gardener?" Randal asked, as he reached the girl's side.

"I certainly require one," Gloria Woodvine returned, quickly, then with slight hesitation, "but I am not sure that I want one."

"Oh," was Randal's ejaculation, "then do you perhaps know any one who does both require and want my services?"

"Yours! Are you the gardener?" She looked him up and down with dancing wonder in her eyes. "Yes. And I would have this bit of property looking like a show place in two weeks if you would let me. There are wonderful possibilities here," Randal said, and the peculiar look in his eyes brought a slight blush to Gloria's cheeks.

"I couldn't pay very much," she said quickly, "because I keep the little place up myself. My family considers me mad for coming down here in the country to live. It is my own retreat for writing, and I have not been able to get some one to make it beautiful, much as I wanted to."

"If you permit me to pitch a tent down by that clump of fir trees and camp there I will care for the garden, plant some vegetables, get a few laying hens and help you out a lot. Is it a go? I really need the work," Gloria looked rather startled, but a tiny smile played about her lips. Assuredly here was a type around whom she might write a story. She would chance the trial anyway. If he did not please her she could easily dismiss him.

"I am down here for absolute quiet and concentration," she told him. "I would have to ask you to go about your work without consulting me more than is absolutely necessary. My old black mammy will always be about." Randal looked searchingly at Gloria Woodvine. Suddenly he knew who it was she reminded him of. It was Freddy Woodvine, but Randal had not associated the name of the cottage with that of the girl. Now he knew who she was, and his task became one of treble interest. She was Gloria Woodvine, Freddy's sister, and an authoress of no small fame.

"She is a bit daffy," Freddy had said on one occasion when Randal had wanted to meet her. "She goes off into silence and retreats and never shows her feelings a full-blown novel back with her."

"I will pitch my tent to-morrow, if it is agreeable to you," he said, and realized that he could scarcely wait to shake the dust of the city from his feet and take up his abode in the garden of Gloria.

As he traveled on the long island railway back to town all he saw as he went past the old-fashioned house with braids of golden hair that hung down Gloria's back.

"Absurd," he warned himself, "and remember," he added in his mental conversation, "you are to consult her black mammy and not herself for anything you may require."

And Randal found, after a few days in Gloria's garden, that his nerves were beginning to respond to the restful tonic that working in that garden would provide.

He did not seek to talk with her. All that he wanted he obtained from Martha, and many a hint on cooking did he get from that source. He prepared his own meals on his camp fire and altogether enjoyed his eccentric actions more than anything he had tried for a long time. His holiday was going to be a great success.

The garden, too, responded to proper care and looked much like a dainty flower basket set against a background of tall chestnut trees. Vegetables were found their way to black Martha's kitchen and hence to the table of Gloria, and a great success. The chickens, too, produced Gloria's breakfast, and Randal rejoiced each day in the chance that had sent him past Woodvine cottage.

Gloria, apparently deeply engrossed with her hero of fancy, did, however, find time to discuss the new gardener with black Martha, and to learn from her faithful servant that Randal was all but a paragon.

"He does cut down our expenses by half with his chickens and 'natoes and onions. Seems lak I never could make 'em grow."

Gloria had also found many moments to spare while thinking of passages of speech. These she employed by watching Randal's strong body as it plowed or built chicken coops or gathered sticks for his camp fire. Her speculating as to his real reason for working in a garden was more vague than she liked.

"I wish I knew," she repeated often to herself.

It was her very interest in him that kept Gloria away from Randal when she would often have strolled about seeking information from him about flowers or chatting on general subjects. She was curiously shy about seeing him, and wondered not a little at her own silly reasons for not wishing to see much of her gardener.

She had been sitting at her typewriter for many hours and was just stepping onto the porch when a great man threw his arms about her and held her struggling against him.

"Thought I'd come down and pay a surprise visit," the man told her with a hearty laugh. "She you are daffy to live all by yourself!" Freddy Woodvine told her for the hundredth time. "But it's jolly good to get into the country for a day. Hope you don't mind that I am not butting into one of those silences or something."

Gloria laughed and hugged her big brother affectionately.

"Hello! Who's the man in the tent?"

Freddy cast swift eyes at his sister. Much to Gloria's disgust, she blushed hotly.

"That is my gardener—he takes charge of the chickens and—"

"Guess I will go down and have a look at him," Freddy said with more or less brotherly intolerance toward his sister's mode of living. "I am not sure that it's respectable to have a strange man camping in the garden," he flung back at her.

Gloria was so indignant that she shouted within the cottage to tell her troubles to Martha. Had she waited until Freddy reached the tent she would have seen the delighted meeting of the two men and would have heard the laughter that followed. She did, however, hear the returning footsteps of her brother, and, looking out, discovered that he was coming arm in arm with her gardener.

Presented to her gardener in a most formal manner by her brother, she smiled the smile that Randal remembered as having lingered on the first day of their meeting in Gloria's eyes. "You are a pair of dillies!" was Freddy's comment in a disgusted tone. "I done knows he was a gentle-

LEEWAY FOR THE WAIST LINE

The Two Belts Give Choice.



For early spring wear, this biscuit-colored cloth suit is ideal. The jacket has the fashionable flaring yepum and moderately high waist line. Open cuffs and collar are lined with a pretty, bright shade of blue and white striped silk. Two rows of the blue, in narrow velvet are used as a belt. The skirt is circular.

Overdressing

BY LILLIAN RUSSELL.

The wearing of superfluous jewels and personal ornaments is in poor taste. The wearer immediately becomes the target of remarks in the form of sarcasm or ridicule.

she is a fortunate woman who is possessed with a well-filled jewel casket. But she will appear in a bad light if she attempts to wear all of her finery at one and the same time.

Women who understand jewels and their effect will find a reason for each jewel they wear. Brooches are worn only to finish a fastening of some sort, a fichu of lace, the end of a ribbon decoration, or the fastening of the bodice at the throat. They are not intended for promiscuous pinning about the bodice without reason.

Pendants which hang from the neck and necklaces are intended only for state occasions, when full dress is required.

AMERICAN-MADE

Of Fast Color Linen.



This crisp linen frock is shirred at the neck and waist.

man," Martha said, as she stood in the doorway watching developments.

"I suppose you will be telling me next that you two have fallen in love with each other," there was a hint of hope in Freddy's tone.

"You have no right to suppose anything of the kind," flashed Gloria. "Besides, Mr. Randal has not given me a chance to fall in love with him even if I had wanted to."

"We can soon fix that up," laughed Randal. "The sooner my sister is tied up to a sensible man, the better off she'll be." Freddy said, and drew Gloria into his arms. "Isn't that right, Martha?"

"It sure am, Mars' Fred," Martha nodded, grinning broadly.

"It's a great pity Mr. Randal is not the sensible man," Gloria laughed demurely. "I can be anything from a journalist to a gardener," Randal told her. "Surely being sensible is not so difficult when there is so much at stake."

Gloria blushed with becoming modesty.

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I shall be pleased to send you formula for a good skin food if you will send me a stamped, addressed envelope. A good exercise for developing the bust is to double your fists as tightly as you can, bringing them together in front with the arms raised so as to be horizontal. While keeping your arms on a level with your shoulders, slowly separate your fists as widely as possible. Do this 100 times over each night. A gentle massage with warm cocoa butter around and upward along the glands will also be helpful. Deep breathing exercises are excellent.

G. F. E.: I doubt much your being able to do anything to change the shape of your nose. You might be able to reduce it by carefully massaging it from the base downward. I should think, however, as long as the unspeakable is the cause of an accident, a nose specialist could tell you the best thing to do.

Annie: Nothing will bring wrinkles or gray hairs quicker than sleepless nights. You cannot have a clear skin, bright eyes and an elastic step if you take your troubles to bed with you. Sleeping time is not thinking time. It is useless to waste thought on the past, which cannot return. Just make the best of to-day and do not lie awake nights thinking of the morrow. Free your mind from all the cares of the day and go to bed to rest and sleep. Walk for about half an hour after retiring; this will, I am sure, after a couple of times, induce sleep, and you will feel rested and refreshed in the morning and able to take up your duties for the day.

Pearl: You can avoid the scars from whiteheads if you will first bathe the face in warm water until it becomes pink and soft. Open each little whitehead with the point of a fine needle. It has been sterilized by dropping it into boiling water. Press or pick out the little white substance. Apply a drop of peroxide to the little wound after doing this. By carefully massaging your face each night with a skin food you will be able to remove the little scars from the whiteheads.

Mrs. R. W. L.: It is the natural oil in the skin that keeps it soft, and when the required amount is lacking the face becomes dry and scaly. This is probably your condition, unless it is that the soap which you are using does not agree with it. Any pure white soap is good for use on the face. I always advocate a good, pure Castile. At night try massaging your face with a good skin food or cream, leaving a portion of it on overnight. This will supply the oil that is lacking, and leave the skin soft and smooth. If you find after using the cream that your face is still dry, then I should discontinue the use of soap for a while and use a mild oatmeal and bran mixed. This is an excellent cleanser and leaves the face soft and smooth.

Dr. Brady's Health Talks

MALNUTRITION.

A baby suffering from malnutrition is simply undernourished. A well-fed child may be poorly nourished by reason of weak digestion or some obscure constitutional disturbance.

Says Dr. Holt in his textbook: "One of the most frequent causes is the periodic custom of keeping infants in close apartments where the thermometer ranges from 72 degrees to 78 degrees Fahrenheit and where the greatest anxiety is constantly felt lest the child take cold. Such infants may lose weight, become anemic, and exhibit all the signs of malnutrition where nothing else is wrong except the conditions mentioned."

Same Old Fresh Air Preaching.

We cordially agree in the view that cool, fresh air—outdoor air—is a fine baby food.

Condensed milk, malted milk, various "foods" and similar inadequate substitutes for fresh milk are common causes of malnutrition in babies. There may be a case now and then in which a young baby cannot digest properly modified and wholesome cow's milk, but it is certain that the great majority of instances in which these unsatisfactory substitutes are resorted to would be more successfully managed if the "ready-to-feed" preparations were unobtainable. To be sure, a baby may digest such offerings easily, and even grow fat on the excessive sugar content of the proprietary food, but nevertheless the baby will be less vigorous and have less resistance to disease than he would have if properly nourished.

The undernourished baby is restless, fretful, irritable, has a poor circulation, cold hands and feet, soft, flabby muscles after some children glide in the neck, easily upset digestion, abnormal weight and very slow gain if any. He is very susceptible to catarrhal infections, intestinal trouble, whooping-cough and pneumonia.

He never fails to improve if he gets enough outdoor air, matter how weak and puny he may be. In fact, the most effective treatment is outdoor life.

The overloading of hands, neck and hair with jewels is scarcely less noticeable. This is merely overdressing in another way.

Jewels are beautiful and there are reasons and possibilities for pleasure in their possession. But if you are the fortunate owner of a well-filled jewel casket do not imagine that it is necessary and proper for you to empty it each time you dress.

Remember: Overdressing and the wearing of superfluous baubles will be criticized when simplicity is admired.

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air, with intelligent management of the feeding as a secondary consideration.

Questions and Answers.
Scalp Hygiene Scores—I want to tell you how grateful I am for the advice you gave me about my hair, writes Mary G. The dandruff is not troubling me any more and my hair is growing beautifully.

Reply—What happened to Mary? She sent a neatly stamped and addressed envelope for a "formula." She got it, but it didn't call for any "eminent specialist's discovery." No, it called for some personal hygiene.

We Fall Down on a Case of Acne—Your advance on pimples is no good, writes James. I tried it just as you suggested for three weeks and I don't see as I am any better. I am discouraged with medicine and doctors. Reply—James, you are quite human. They all grow pessimistic in about that length of time. I tell you, you must require vaccine treatment from your family doctor. Anyway, James, we don't promise more than your stamped, addressed envelope entitles you to—good advice.

Leprosy in the United States—Are there any cases of leprosy in this country at the present time? I am getting reports in the last year in California, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Washington, Wisconsin.

Reply—Twenty-three new cases were reported in the last year in California, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Washington, Wisconsin.

LAST BILL IS SIGNED

Constructive Session of General Assembly Comes to an End.

The constructive sessions of the General Assembly ended yesterday afternoon, and the last of the measures passed by the Legislature during the special session was signed by Governor Henry Stuart.

The bill reserved for the last was Senate bill 11, the general license tax measure. It was the most voluminous of all the tax bills. It carried the license schedule for all classes of business and the schedule fixing the annual license to be paid by practitioners in all professions. Clerk John W. Williams, of the House of Delegates, and his assistants spent several days in the work of engrossing the voluminous document.

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ANDERSON APPOINTED

Made Chief Clerk to Revenue Agent Thomas H. Vanderford in Local Office.

Wythe D. Anderson has been made chief clerk to Revenue Agent Thomas H. Vanderford, who was recently transferred to the Richmond office from Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Anderson's new position carries a substantial increase in salary. He succeeds F. A. Simpson, who has been made a special employee in the revenue service.

Mr. Vanderford succeeds Colonel William H. Chapman, who will take charge of the Greensboro office as soon as his health permits. Colonel Chapman's condition is said to be somewhat improved, and he expects to go to North Carolina in the near future. C. M. Justice, who was chief clerk to Mr. Vanderford, will have charge of the Greensboro office until Colonel Chapman is able to assume his new duties.

Missionary Meeting in County.

An interesting meeting is planned to be held to-morrow at Greenwood Church, Henrico County, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. P. Y. Namcong, of Korea, now a student at Randolph-Macon College, will lecture, and there will be special music rendered by Richmond people. The church is located on the Ashland car line, a few minutes' ride from Richmond.

SOCIAL TEA BISCUIT

For Afternoon Affairs

No matter what else is served, a welcome awaits Social Tea Biscuit at afternoon affairs. A sweetened biscuit appropriate for all occasions.